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DON'T WANT FOOD SENT

Council of Defense Requests that People Stop Sending Eatables to the Soldiers in Camps.

Richmond, Jan. 15.—Nothing is dearer to the heart of our women than the thought that they are doing something for their sons, brothers, husbands and sweethearts in the army; and they know that nothing is more highly prized by these men than home cooking. Consequently huge boxes of all sorts of goodies are constantly being sent to the training camps.

The National Government recognizes this, but this is the day for the conservation of food and the Virginia Council of Defense is asked by the Council of National Defense to give the widest publicity to the fact that abundant food is supplied to the soldiers and sailors in the camps and cantonments and that the sending of foodstuffs to these men by their friends and families is not in any respect necessary; that the aggregate quantity of food thus privately sent is enormous and that much of it, having been conveyed long distances in heated express or mail cars, is more or less spoiled and consequently injurious to the health of the men.

Therefore, in the interest of the conservation of food and also the health of the men, the Council of Defense requests the public to discontinue the sending of foodstuffs to the camps.

Shall we not try to obey this request of the government, and instead of sending the men foodstuffs send them magazines, newspapers, homeletters and sweaters?

SAVED BY PRAYER.

School Teacher Invokes Heaven to Turn Course of the Wind and it Suddenly Veers.

Dothan, Ala., Jan. 15.—What is looked upon as a miracle in prayer was enacted during the storm which passed over this section of Alabama last night, leaving destruction in its path, and from which the people are slowly recovering, when the deadly gale changed its course at Pleasant Plains Schoolhouse, near Webb, Ala., while Miss Forrester, teacher at the school, prayed for the winds to turn from their course.

Miss Forrester gives a graphic account of the horrors of the cyclone. Hearing a great noise, she says she thought it was an explosion. She went at once to the door of the schoolhouse and opened it. It was then that she realized that the school was directly in the path of the cyclone. The clouds were of a greenish tinge, and the power of the devastating winds was clearly marked along the path of the storm.

Huge pines in the path of the wind were twisted off like matches. Miss Forrester saw that the school building was directly in the course of the winds, and instead of dismissing school, she stood in the open door, with her hands stretched upward, and prayed for the storm to turn its course. As she prayed the wind-funnel snatched a gigantic oak by the roots, then swerved to the right, changing its course and leaving the school and children unharmed.

Lecture for Grace Church.

Mr. Laurence D. Kitchell, the well known lecturer of the Great Northern Railway of St. Paul, Minn., will deliver a travelogue on the Glacier National Park for the benefit of, and under the auspices of Grace church, on Thursday night, January 17, at the Elks Hall.

The lecture will be beautifully illustrated by hand-colored, dissolving stereopticon views and motion pictures.

Those who have heard Mr. Kitchell pronounce him pleasing in voice and edifying in the subject he has in hand. It is an opportunity for anyone to hear of our great park in Montana and possibly induce them to visit it in the summer. The lecture is now being delivered in Norfolk.

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ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Chamber of Commerce Holds its Annual Meeting Last Night and Transacts Much Important Business.

There was a large attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce held in their rooms last night, and the reports of the various committees showed the organization to be in an excellent condition. A large number of important matters of special interest to the business men of the city were brought up for discussion and acted upon. The Potomac River Clay Works, of which Mr. Clyde C. Lamond is president, was elected to membership in the Chamber.

In order that the members may be kept informed as to the various measures that may be introduced in the state legislature at Richmond, it was arranged to have a copy of each one of the bills secured and placed on file here in the Chamber.

Election of Directors and Officers.

The election of directors and officers for the ensuing year resulted as here given:

Directors—W. A. Smoot, jr., Carroll Pierce, Wallace Lindsey, A. D. Brockett, B. W. Morse. Each was elected for three years, and O. H. Kirk was elected a director for two years to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Henry K. Field.

At a subseuent meeting of the board of directors officers were chosen as follows:

President—Robert L. Payne.

Vice President—Harry Hammond.

Secretary and Treasurer—J. T. Preston.

The following were named as the executive committee — Robert S. Jones, W. A. Smooth, jr., George B. Hopkins, C. S. T. Burke and Carroll Pierce.

A committee on arbitration was also selected as appears herewith: Robert S. Jones, Samuel W. Pitts, J. T. Loose, W. A. Moore, jr., and Arthur Herbert, jr.

No efforts will be spared by the members of the Chamber of Commerce to do all in their power to advance the commercial interests of the city during the coming year, and especially to give all possible aid to the new industries which are here and to any others that may locate in Alexandria in the future.

CAILLAUX IN JAIL

Former French Premier Accused of Treasonable Propaganda.

Paris, Jan. 15.—Former Premier Joseph Caillaux, who has been under investigation by the authorities in connection with the German propaganda in France, was placed under arrest yesterday morning.

According to the Intransigeant, the commissions of injury sent to Italy in connection with the Caillaux case have not yet reported to the public prosecutor, so the arrest of the former premier was not due to them.

"A document reached the hands of military justice, however," says the newspaper, "which was of such gravity and authenticity that it was impossible to permit Caillaux to remain longer at liberty."

FREDERIC MAY DEAD.

Services to be Held in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Frederick May, prominent real estate dealer and well-known resident of Washington, died yesterday at his residence, 2022 G street northwest, after a long illness from pneumonia. He had lived in Washington for 25 years and conducted a real estate office at 806 Seventeenth street for fifteen years. He was a member of Commercial and Metropolitan Clubs of Washington and also of the New York Yacht Club. He was an ardent outdoor sportsman, and at one time famous as a yachtsman. He was 68 years old, unmarried.

Masonic Notice.

There will be a called communication of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M., on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1918, at 1.30 p. m., to attend the funeral of Brother Norris J. Rourk. Members of Andrew Jackson lodge and all Masons in good standing are cordially invited.

Claude W. Fletcher,
12-2t Worshipful Master.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at 901 Prince street.

The cases before the Police Court this morning were of a minor nature, and the defendants were dismissed with admonitions.

Mr. Frank G. Jones has returned to Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., after a five days furlough at his home, 1318 Princess street, this city.

Sergeant Lester E. Cook, of the 314th Machine Gun Battery, at Camp Lee, Va., has been home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cook, 209 South Royal street.

Among the interesting events which will occur in this city at the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Association on February 22d, will be the presentation to the association by its president, General Thomas J. Shryock, grand master of masons of Maryland, of a life-size marble bust of George Washington. The bust was copied from the famous Houdon statue in the State capitol at Richmond, which was the work of Valentine, the distinguished Virginia sculptor. The bust has been placed in the Alexandria Washington lodge room, Alexandria, for the present. The lodge has also recently received from the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington, copies of the portraits of Dr. James Craik, surgeon-general of the Revolutionary army and who was also the physician to Washington in his last illness, and of Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick, the consulting physician. Dr. Dick was also Washington's successor as the worshipful master of the Alexandria lodge.

The city council will meet this evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Wj A. Merchant, president of Banco Nacional de Cuba, with his wife, spent Saturday with his sister, Mrs. M. R. Norris in Alexandrih.

Mr. J. Ellis Norris, who has been spending the holiday vacation with his parents in this city, left yesterday for Havana, Cuba, where he holds a position as manager for R. G. Dunn and Company.

Mrs. Charles Hutchins, of Worcester, Mass., and her two sons, who are on their way to Palm Beach, Florida, spent the week end in this city, the guests of Miss Florence Jones Evans, at her home on South St. Asaph street.

Major Samuel B. Moore, stationed at Camp Lee, Va., has been ordered to New York city to take a two weeks course at the Rockefellow Institute, following this, four weeks at Bellevue Hospital, in traumatic surgery and fractures.

Officials of the Washington-Virginia electric railway have had a survey made for an extension of their line from Mount Vernon to the new military camp at Belvoir. The survey was made at the request of the military authorities at Washington, it is said, and it is reported that the new line may be built at once as soon as the work can be gotten under way unless something arises to change the plans. Large numbers of automobile trucks have been passing through Alexandria during the past few days loaded with lumber for the new buildings to be erected at Belvoir and workmen are to be seen going there daily.

It is desired that at least $2,500 worth of the War Savings Stamps be sold in this city during the campaign now on. The apportionment for Alexandria county is $400.

Workmen are still busy with the work of getting the offices of the American Shipbuilding Corporation in readiness for use in the Wagar block on North Fairfax street, and laboring men are being engaged as rapidly as possible to whom employment will be given at the shipyard. Pile driving is going on at the yard and the preliminary work necessary to getting the business of ship building under way is progressing as fast as could be expected considering the adverse weather conditions.

The Baltimore American of yesterday contains the following concerning a wedding which occurred in this city: "Mr. and Mrs. George H. Davis of Street, Md., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Sadie Ethel, to Lieut. Adam William Reies, Medical Reserve Corps, U. S. A., on January 5, at Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Reies is a graduate of University of Maryland Training School for Nurses, class 1914, and for the last two years has been superintendent of nurses, New City Hospital. Lieutenant Reies is a graduate of the University of Maryland Medical School, class 1916. Since graduation he has been an assistant to Major Arthur M. Shipley at New City and University hospitals. He has been in Medical Reserve Corps since September 20, 1917, stationed at Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., and is now ordered with Major Shipley to Evacuation Hospital, No. 8, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Lieutenant Reies expects to be sent abroad with Major Shipley in the next two weeks.

KARLSRUHE BOMBED.

Baden Capital Attacked Successfully by Daylight.

London, Jan. 15.—A successful daylight air raid has been made on Karlsruhe, according to a British official communication issued last night.

The text of the statement says:

"Today our qsuadrons carried out a most successful raid into Germany in broad daylight, their objectives being the railway and munitions factories at Karlsruhe. One and a quarter tons of bombs were dropped with excellent results. Bursts were observed on buildings and sidings of the main railway junction in the center of the town, on railway workshops and a smaller junction in the town.

"Observers report that a very large fire was started in factories alongside the railway, which was confirmed by photographs taken after the raid. All our airplanes reaches their objectives and returned safely.

"Bombing and attacks with machine-gun fire from low altitudes were carried out incessantly Sunday. More than 400 bombs were dropped on a large ammunition dump near Roulers and on hostile billets, huts ments and railway junctions. A party of the enemy engaged in extinguishing a large fire attacked by machine-gun fire was scattered and the fire was left to run at will.

"In combats seven hostile machines were driven down out of control. Another was forced to land intact behind our lines by antiaircraft fire; the pilot was captured. Three of our machines are missing.

"During Sunday night our night-flying machines dropped bombs on Roulers and Menin. All returned safely."

FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH.

Negro Farmer, His Wife and Five Children Perish in Kentucky.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 15.—Scott Franklin, a negro farmer, his wife and five children were incinerated when their home near Smiths Grove burned Saturday night, according to word reaching here today.

Notice Old Dominion Commandery.

There will be a called conclave of the Old Dominion Commandery, No. 11, K. T., Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1918, at 1:30 p. m., to act as escort at the funeral of Sir Norris J. Rourk. Full Templar uniform.

C. E. Outcalt,
12-2t. Eminent Commander.

LINER SENDS OUT S O S.

American Ship Texan Reported Sinking; Cause Not Given.

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 15.—Agents of the American steamship Texan, a vessel of 14,000 tons, yesterday received advices from naval authorities that she was sinking at sea. The location of the ship was not given.

The naval authorities did not state the cause of the Texan's distress, but reports reaching shipping circles here from other sources were that the vessel had been rammed amidship in collision with another ship.

It was said a steamer which had picked up the Texan's S O S calls was hurrying to her assistance, and that the crew of 43 had taken to the boats.

The Texan left here recently with a cargo of nitrates bound for a French port, agents of the vessel stated.

Messages reaching here from another port said that a steamer arriving there yesterday reported that at 4 a. m., she picked up an "S O S" from the Texan reporting that she had been struck amidship and was sinking. The last message from the Texan said "Goodby. No more."

DEATH OF MAJ. GARDNER.

Former Representative Succumbs to Pneumonia at Macon, Ga.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 15.—Maj. Augustus Peabody Gardner of the 121st (Second Georgia) infantry, died at the base hospital at Camp Wheeler, yesterday afternoon of pneumonia. He had been ill only a few days.

He was born in Beverly, Mass., November 5, 1865, his father being Joseph P. Gardner. The family is one of the oldest in Massachusetts.

Left early an orphan, Mr. Gardner's education was directed by his distinguished kinswoman, Mrs. Jack Gardner, whose art collection in Fenway Court, Boston, is one of the largest in the world in private ownership.

HELP WANTED— Material clerk, material checkers and time keeper on large construction job. Apply at once in person. Raymond Concrete and Tile Co., agents. Braddock Hotel, Alexandria, Va. 13-1t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Alexandria Building and Loan Association will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1918, at 7.30 p. m., at Alexandria National bank building.

C. Page Waller, Sec'y.
8-7t.

PEACE PARLEY OFF AGAIN.

Negotiations Between Germans and Russians Said to be Deadlocked.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—The German-Russo peace negotiations were apparently deadlocked again today according to dispatches received from Brest-Litovsk via Berlin.

Following General Hoffman's categorical refusal for the central powers to evavuate Courland, Lithuania, and Riga for technical administrative reasons, the entire peace sitting adjourned. The date for possible resumption was not fixed.

The German delegates still insist on the central powers retaining their grip on occupied territories in Russia.

The discussions on Friday were close to acrimonious. Russian Foreign Minister Trotzky refused to admit as part of the peace agreement the statement "Resolved, we will hereafter live in peace and friendship."

The Germans declared that complete evacuation by their troops could only follow the Russian demobilization, because, owing to the changes in the Russian governmental system the Russians might suddenly assume the offensive.

In addition, German Foreign Minister Kuehlmann declared that the uestion of evacuation applied only to regions of Russia which are still a part of the states actually negotiating at Brest-Litovsk—carrying out the previous German stand as to Courland, Esthonia, Livonia, and Poland.

Later in the proceedings, Foreign Minister Trotzky demanded to know why there were no representatives of the people, and suggested they be invited. Czernin and Kuehlmann postponed discussion of the invitation until later.

BLOWN AWAY WITH CAR TOP.

Brakeman is Unwilling Aviator on Wings of Storm.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 15.—The wind Saturday morning blew off the top of a freight car of a northbound Pennsylvania Railroad train at Iron Hill, and dropped it in a field 100 feet away.

Arthur J. Bennett, a brakeman, was on top of the car at the time. He was lifted into the air with the roof and carried away with it, falling into the pile of debris when the wind dropped the mass of timber into the field. He was badly bruised and cut and had to be sent to the Mercy Hospital in Baltimore for treatment.

STEEL PLANT MEN QUIT

Machinists and Toolmakers Strike Over Sunday Wage Difference.

Machinists and toolmakers employed at the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company plant went on strike yesterday afternoon at four o'clock, following the "summary" dismissal of eight of their number for refusal to work Sunday at the prevailing rate of pay.

Two hundred men, members of the Washington Lodge of Machinists, Local No. 193—all that are employed at the plant—have quit. William H. Johnston, international president of the Machinists' Union, made this announcement last night.

Should the differences between the company and the men fail of settlement other employes of the plant also will walk out.

The eight men dismissed yesterday were called one or two at a time by company officials and discharged, Mr. Johnston said. As soon as their dismissal became generally known the men immediately resolved to strike until their companions were reinstated.

Members of the union reporting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon refused to start work when they learned of the action and the third shift of the day, beginning at midnight, followed their example.

Dismissal of the men, according to Mr. Johnson, grew out of their refusal to work Sunday unless they were paid double time. Double-time pay for Sunday and holidays has been the rate of pay for the men for three years, he said.

Recently the company, without explanation, reduced this pay to time and a half, and at a meeting of the union held three weeks ago a resolution declaring their intentions to refuse to work on Sundays and holidays for less than double rate of pay was adopted.

Later.

Government work at the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company plant where 3,000 men are employed was not delayed by the walkout of 200 machinists and toolmakers yesterday, it was said at that plant today. Union men who laid down their tools, when they learned of the summary dismissal of eight members for refusing to work last Sunday were in conference today with William H. Johnston, international president of the Machinists' Union. They were still on strike at noon today.

"We are doing everything to patch up this labor difficulty which began as the result of the company suddenly changing the overtime schedule for Sundays and holidays from double time to time and a half, Mr. Jomston said.

CAUGHT NEAR BRIDGE.

German Sailor from Steamship George Washington Again in Custody.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 15.—Otto Brammer and Louis Schraeder, escaped German sailors, from the George Washington, of the Hamburg-American line, were arrested by Baldwin-Felts detectives at Kenova bridge near Kenova, W. Va., last week. It was reported here that these two men were around the bridge acting in a very suspicious manner and the operatives immediately put them under arrest. When the men were questioned Brammer stated that he was a fireman on the George Washington, which was interned in New York harbor last year, and Schraeder said that he was a seaman on the same ship. Both men are of draft age and both stated emphatically that they would not shoulder a gun for the United States.

Free Trial in Your Own Home.

The ladies of Alexandria will undoubtedly be interested in the campaign being put on here by the Alexandia County Lighting Company this week, in which they offer to put the famous Eden Electric Washing and Wringing machine in any home for a free trial. It is claimed to be one of the best household helps that can be placed in a home.

Notice.

The office of the Clerk of Gas will be open Monday, January 21, 1918, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Orders for coke will be issued on this date. Only one load orders will be issued and only one load to purchaser.

J. B. Waller,
Clerk of Gas.
13-5t.

YARMOUTH BOMBARDED

Guns, Probably on Super-Submarine, Throw Twenty Shells Into Town During Five Minutes.

London, Jan. 15.—Yarmouth was bombarded from the sea during the night, Viscount French, director of home defense, reported today.

Twenty shells were hurled into the port.

Three were killed and ten injured.

The damage was not serious, French declared.

Yarmouth is in the county of York on the east coast of England, nineteen miles east of Norwich. It is a popular watering place and has extensive dock yards.

The bombardment continued for five minutes.

The offical statement does not specify whether the guns with which the seaport was bombarded were those of a cruiser or a submarine but the latter appears most likely. Germany's super-submarines carry comparatively powerful guns.

Yarmouth was attacked by light German sea forces on November 3, 1914. On December 16 German naval forces made another raid against the English coast, shelling west Hartlepool, Scarborough, and Whitby, killing 127 civilians. Recently it was officially announced in the House of Commons that a German destroyer had sunk several merchant ships off the mouth of the Tyne river.

GERMAN ARRESTED.

Plot to Cripple American Naval Station at Old Point Comfort.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 15.—Clothed in the uniform of an American army captain, Lieut. Walter Spoorman, of the German navy, was arrested yesterday when caught trying to apply a match to a fuse in the magazine of the Old Point Comfort Aviation Station.

The arrest is said to have revealed a widespread plot to cripple American naval stations at Norfolk, Hampton Roads and Portsmouth. Eight persons are reported arrested by Secret Service men, including one woman.

If the attempt had not been frustrated yesterday it woud have caused disastrous explosion wrecking the aviation station and destroying several hydroplanes and other flying machines.

It is also believed that Fort Monroe was marked for destruction.

ICE SIXTEEN INCHES THICK.

Heaviest Harvest on Potomac and Nearby Streams in Fifty Years.

Return of freezing temperatures last week again solidified the ice that was moving in the channel and yesterday the river from this city to its mouth and on down the bay to the sea was covered with a thick sheet of ice. Beyond the Norfolk line steamers and the naval tugs nothing has made an effort to move on the river.

Residents along the shores of Nomini, Upper Machodoc, Quantico, Occoquan and other creeks in Virginia and Maryland have been able to harvest ice from 10 to 16 inches in thickness, something that has not been done for many years.

The rain last night softened the ice considerably, but, according to the Weather Bureau, colder weather and northwest winds are coming, which will doubtless again solidify the river's surface.

CALLED TO SHIP YARDS.

Hurley, After Talk With President, Appeals for Mechanics.

Following a long conference with President Wilson yesterday, Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the Shipping Board, issued a call for a volunteer army of 250,000 to be held in readiness to meet the demands of the shipyards.

Standard wages will be paid and the men will be considered part of the military forces of the country.

They will be used to increase the forces in the building yards as they are extended; and to help in adopting the three-shift system which is contemplated in all of the yards of the country.

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ECHOES RECONSTRUCTION.

Fifty pages of the debates of the Virginia Constitutional Convention as reported by the official stenographer, have been printed and laid on the desks of the delegates. The reporter seems to have labored hard to make decent speeches for the negro members, whose votes gave him employment, but has succeeded only in making them grandiloquent and verbose —Richmond Times-Dispatch, January 14, 1868.

The above will reproduce recollections of reconstructions days to numbers of Virginians now living who half a century ago witnessed many amusing scenes in representative bodies in which negroes made themselves prominent. Quite a sprinkling of blacks were delegates to this constitutional convention. Some of them, who had been reared upon farms and plantations, were naturally misfits when placed in halls of legislation. In many cases their speeches were written by white men. They at times dealt with the state debt and other subjects with which the negro was unacquainted and it was a favorite sport for white delegates to stop a negro while he was delivering a "canned" speech, and ask the "orator" a question. The latter would stand aghast, as he was unable to answer his interlocutor, really not knowing what he was talking about.

About fifty years ago a negro had been elected clerk of the court in a neighboring county. A case had come up for trial which had to be continued to another day, and the judge, a dyed-in-the-wool democrat, to whom the black official was objectionable, commanded the clerk to recognize the witnesses. The clerk looked up innocently and said, "Your honor, I know them all." The Judge thundered again "recognize the witnesses!" The dusky clerk, after placing his pen in his mouth, walked up to the witnesses and shook hands with each

During reconstruction days the republicans—white and black—organized ward clubs in Alexandria. Sometimes the meetings were held in churches, and the ludicrous scenes often enacted by ignorant whites and negroes caused considerable mirth. Occasionally fights were participated in, when pistols and razors flourished.

DR. ALDERMAN'S ADDRESS.

In point of a true enunciation of the sterling principles of democracy and the do-or-die efforts of America to defend those principles, and for its scathing arraignment of the German Kaiser and his cohorts, the address Sunday afternoon at the Academy of Music, Baltimore by Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president fo the University of Virginia, stands out boldly as one of the most timely and patriotic utterances yet heard in the city. Tears were mingled with cheers as the audience, which packed the large theater, gave assent to his way of thinking, and following his talk, which lasted for more than an hour, Dr. Alderman was the center of an informal reception, when men and women grasped his hand and expressed their appreciation for his remarkable address.

Dr. Alderman was in England when the war started and many of his deductions were the result of intimate contract with conditions not only there, but in France, Belgium and even in Germany. He flayed the Kaiser and decried the German lust after blood and territory, and even defied the entire German nation to withstand the mighty wave of righteous indignation which the Allies are preparing to send against it in the near future.

In speaking of peace Dr. Alderman said: "A peace based on the status quo ante is not a peace, but a German victory, because the status quo ante could never be restored; it is gone forever and ever. And if it could it would be a mere restoration of the conditions out of which hell sprang, and will spring again. Let such peace come, and Germany, with her vassal states, will dominate the continent of Europe and this country of ours. Americans want no vindictive settlement of the war, no denial of opportunity to the capable and powerful Germanic people, no ruin of their lands no hinderance to their just progress but this revolution cannot be settled by promises and compromises. You cannot compromise with eternal justice, nor merely compose wrongs which have involved the earth in death and ruin."

STREET CORNER LOAFERS.

A case in the Police Court this morning brought up the subject of street corner loafing. A Hebrew conducts a store at the northwest corner of Wilkes and Royal streets and for some time he has been annoyed by youths who gather in front of his place of business, supposing because he is an Israelite, he has no rights they are bound to respect. At times, he alleged, they cast bricks, etc., into his bread box, at other times break his windows, and when he protests they make sport of him and the female members of his family.

The boys were ordered to pay for the window which had been smashed and to keep away from the man's premises in future. The court also told the defendants and the parents of the accused that if there are repetitions of the offenses, and it is shown that those responsible for the offending youngsters are unable to control their offsprings, the authorities will endeavor to do so by turning them over to the State Board of Charities and corrections. The defendants were reminded of the law governing such cases, which makes it a misdemeanor for persons to gather in front of houses, if the occupiers object; also that the latter have jurisdiction to the center of the street.

In this connnection it may be stated that corner loafers are in evidence in other sections of Alexandria, and such that are not boys either, and at a time when labor is scarce. A citizen of Alexandria a few days ago told a representative of the Gazette he approached a bunch of negroes recently who were hugging a small stove on a street corner and offered to employ the squad. Thev gave flimsy excuses why they had to decline the proffer

KILLED IN FOUR WRECKS.

16 Die, Many Hurt, When Train is Sideswiped in Texas.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 15.—The bodies of 15 of the 16 victims of the wreck on the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, near Hammond Station, yesterday, when passenger train No. 17 sideswiped a freight engine standing on a siding, reached here yesterday afternoon abroad a relief train sent out earlier in the day. The body of the other victim was sent direct to his home in a nearby town.

Seven of the more seriously injured were brought to Houston and placed in the railroad hospital for treatment.

The dead, three women, three children and ten men, were so badly mangled that many of them were unrecognizable. Four soldiers were among the dead.

An investigation indicated that all of the dead were in the chair car, which struck the locomotive, crushing in its side like paper. Every passenger seated on the side of the car toward the engine was killed instantly.

Those in the car who escaped were subjected to the steam from the engine and several were seriously scalded.

At the time of the accident a heavy rain was falling. This, coupled with the cold weather, made the rescue work difficult and added to the discomfort of the survivors.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 15.—Two persons were killed and sixteen injured, thirteen of them seriously, last night, when a Louisville and Southern Indiana traction car bound from Indiannapolis to Louisville crashed into the rear of a Jeffersonville, Ind., and Louisville interurban car on the southern approach of the Big Four Railway bridge here.

Allen Alvey, of Louisville, and one unidentied man were killed.

Portland, Me., Jan. 15.—The engineer, fireman and a brakeman of a freight train were killed on the Mountain division of the Maine Central Railroad yesterday when the locomotive and 25 or 30 cars were wrecked at Nancy Brook, four miles from Bartlett, N. H., according to word received here.

Hutley, N. J., Jan. 15.—One man was killed and ten others injured here yesterday when an Erie train crashed into a bus loaded with workers. The bus was on its way from Newark to Paterson.

Our Boys.

They are sailing on the ocean tonight,
Off to that far away land to fight;
Off to fight for democracy,
Gone to down autocracy.

They are thinking a heap tonight
Of when they get the chance to fight,
And show the Kaiser what they can do
In line of fighting and shooting too.

And when Fritzie hears them yell
"Over the top and give 'em hell,"
Kaiser Bill will die of fright
Because he knows what he's got to fight.

They are on the ocean blue,
On their way to fight for you;
So buy the Bonds and Saving Stamps,
And help them whip those German scamps.

—A. H. S.

MEN WHO CAME BACK.

Experiences of Some Who Come in Contact With the Kaiser's Soldiers.

Lieut. Andrew M. Naismith, of the Canadian Field Artillery, writes as follows concerning some of his experiences with soldiers of the German armies:

"If you want to know what German domination of the world would be for you and me, what I saw a German officer do when a prisoner in our cage back of the battle line at Vimy Ridge will serve well to express.

"There were 250 or so of them, typical German infantrymen, with thorough training under Prussian rule, and a handful of officers. I had had a hand in capturing a squad of them and so when I had a chance I stopped to look them over. It was just mess time and along came the grub, biscuits and bully beef, good enough for a King. They started to issue the rations and came to one officer. He looked like imperial Prussia incarnate. He took his bully beef and biscuit, but when he saw that it was the same grub that his men were getting he threw it into the mud. "Give me something better," he said, insolently. As a result he had nothing, After a few hours I saw him again; his hunger was beginning to bore him.

"What did he do? Another ration was being given to his men; he was getting nothing. He went to a private and held out his hand. "Give me that," he demanded. The soldier obediently passed over the food. The officer turned to another man. "Give me that," he said. He got what he demanded and put it into a pocket, for future emergency. Turning to a third, he demanded and received the ration of beef and biscuit. Turning on his heel, he went away to fill up on other men's grub."

"Autocracy and military caste? Why, when we brought in a bunch of Boches once, a sergeant stepped out to receive their weapons. An officer pulled out his revolver. "I don't surrender to a private," he said and shot our sergeant down. Turning to an officer he passed over the revolver, butt out. "I surrender," he said. What would you do if you were tendered that gun? Just what he did."

UNLABELED WHISKY.

No Law to Prevent Bringing it Into D. C., Justice Stafford Rules.

There is no law to prevent the bringing of unlabeled whisky into Washington by any means of tansportation.

This, in eect, was the ruling of Justice Stafford of the District Supreme Court today. Justice Stafford sustained the demurrer of Robert Long, one of fifty-eight men arrested in November by agents of the Department of Justice in cars of the Baltimore, Washington and Annapolis line for bringing unlabeled whisky into the District of Columbia. Justice Stafford ruled:

"If the Congress had intended to prohibit the bringing or carrying, transporting or importing of any liquor by any person upon any vehicle of a common carrier without certain labeling it was perfectly easy for them to have done so, and they did make use of such language in other sections of the chapter, when dealing with other subjects.

"It seems clear then that the language used was deliberately chosen to express the exact meaning of the legislature."

Col. Fenton Dead.

Col. Charles W. Fenton, commandant at Fort Myer, who was also commandant of the first and second officers' training camps at the Army post across the Potomac river, died at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington at 1 o'clock this morning. Col. Fenton was taken to the hospital last Saturday evening, suffering from what appeared to be spinal meningitis. His condition grew worse, though physicians attending him did not lose hope for his recovery until early today.

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The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of William Belmont and Co., Incorporated, will be held at the principal office of the company, No 128 south Fairfax street, City of Alexandria Virginia on the 22d day of January 1918 at 12 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
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NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION

TROUT ATTACK CATTLE.

Ferocious Fish, at First Supposed to be German Carp, Enjoy Great Sport

Winchester, Va., Jan. 15.—The rainbow trout that have for years had their home in the creek which flows at the edge of Shepherdstown, W. Va., are having fun at the expense of horses and cows which are led there to be watered. The trout are also resenting what they apparently consider an invasion of their territory and are repelling frequent attacks.

Joe Cookus first noticed the fish several days ago while his cows were drinking there. After putting their muzzles into the water the cows would suddenly toss their heads and act as if they had been stung or bitten, and Joe then saw the actions of the trout. They would dart up to the cows and give them a sharp nip on the snout, seeming to enjoy the discomfiture of the aimals.

While watering his horse at the stream, Frank Hill came near being unhorsed and thrown headlong into the water. Two of the biggest trout swam so quietly and bit the horse, giving it such a fright that it was all that Hill could do to keep the horse from running away.

Another man who observed the actions of the trouts noticed that after they had scared an old cow until she snorted they were seen to swim away with their jaws spread into broad grins The town authorities were at first inclined to believe that the fish were German carp, but a piscatorial expert disillusioned them on that score.

Suffers a Nervous Breakdown While Seeking to Educate Her Son in Baltimore School.

Baltimore, Md., Jan.: 15.—Pending the arrival of relatives from Richmond to claim the body of Mrs. Helen Sherman, who died under most pitiable circumstances at Mercy Hospital Saturday, information of her death is being withheld from her thirteen-year-old son, Fred Sherman, who is here. The boy constantly calls for his mother.

They came to Baltimore several months ago from Richmond. The mother, though the efforts to educate her son, suffered a nervous breakdown, and several days ago was about to leave for Rchmond when she was taken ill. She was sent to Mercy Hospital. She remained there only two days when she again attempted to return home. Several hours after she had left the institution she suffered another attack, and after being again cared for by the police was removed to the hospital, where she died.

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Richmond, Jan. 15.—"Ask any person in the United States, except the pro-German, what is the most important work this country now has to perform and without hesitation the answer will be: 'To make the American army and navy the best the world has ever seen.'" So begins a statement issued today from the headquarters of Virginia's statewide campaign for $200,000 needed to maintain and extend the work of the War Camp Community Service.

Final details in connection with the short drive—it is scheduled to close Jan. 31—are being whipped into shape by Campaign Director J. R. H. Radeker and Colonel E. C. Massie state campaign chairman. Director Radeker's headquarters are maintained at Room 28, Allison building Richmond.

"One of the factors which is helping to make the men of the army and navy more nearly 100 per cent. efficient is the work of the War Camp Community Service," the statement continued, "Keeping our boys fit to fight through proper and homelike environment is the fundamental idea behind this organization. Money is being raised in all parts of the country to provide some of the wholesome enjoyment and recreation which enlisted men were accustomed to at home when they visit the towns and cities adjacent to their camps while on leave. The importance of this work can be summarized no better than in the words of President Wilson, who said: 'The spirit with which our soldiers leave America, and their efficieney on the battle front of Europe, will be vitally affected by the character of the environment surrounding our military camps."

Director Radeker called attention today to the excellent start that has been made in a number of Virginia Communities, including Portsmouth Richmond, Newport News, Norfolk and Petersburg, looking toward the entertainment of enlisted men. "Every means which can be made available will be used in looking out for the comfort, welfare and proper welcome into the surrounding communities of the boys of the American army and navy," he stated. "It is planned to build or equip club houses of their own and maintain them after they are open. All existing clubs will be called on to make the men at home there.

"Fraternal organizations and societies of all kinds will be told just what they can do in helping along this work. Church reception and home hospitality are to be encouraged to the fullest degree. Games and sports, dancing under proper conditions, theatrical, musical, moving pictures and other forms of amusement will be arranged. In fact, the possibilities are as broad and as limitless as human society itself."

REMARKABLE WINTER.

Heavy Losses From Freezing In Northern Virginia.

Luray, Va., Jan. 15.—According to records kept by old citizens of Northern Virginia, the present winter is without a parallel. There have been heavier losses from freezing than in any winter ever before recorded These losses represent thousands of bushels of apples and potatoes which had been stored as a result of intensive conservation. In addition farmers are confronted with a most serious shortage of feed to tide them over until spring. Oscar Hammer, a magistrate of Springfield district, and a son of Mayor J. Anderson Hammer, of Luray, says that he has never before met such demands from stockmen all over Page county, all of them pleading for the purchase of provender to keep horses and cattle alive.

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DESPAIRS OF VICTORY.

Die Zeit Says That the War Has Shown the Folly of Teutonic Ambition—Food Crisis There Acute.

After the great celebrations of Austro-German victories on the Isonzo front, it is interesting to read a leading article in Die Zeit, one of the principal Viennese papers, entitled "Castles in the Air." Apparently even the Austrian censorship cannot always prevent the truth being spoken outright.

Any one, says the Zeit, who, like so many pesons in Germany today, but, fortunately, not so many in Austria, still believes in the possibility of a peace imposed by force and the sword must have profited absolutely not at all by the lessons of this war. A peace dictated by Austria and Germany to the rest of the world is the last link in a chain of notions which have one after the other proved false. At the outset of the war, says the Zeit, it was not unreasonable to have hoped for an Austro-German peace imposed by force. "Above all, we had then far fewer avowed enemies than now." But, as is admitted with disengaging frankness, early in the war Austria and Germany hoped to win neutrals to their way of thinking. Germany, in particular, laid herself out with no less zeal than confidence to win neutrals to her cause, firmly convinced that "if only our cause were sufficiently well explained to them neutrals would undoubtedly turn to us, and especially to Germany.

"Most hopes of all were built upon America, which was considered as the leading power among neutrals, and with its help it was hoped to win over the other neutrals. Bales upon bales of propagandist writings were dispatched to neutral countries, for the time of scarcity of paper had not arrived.

It was all of no avail. We have not won over a single neutral country." On the contrary, concludes Die Zeit, even countries which have hitherto remained neutral "are no longer able to conceal their aversion to our cause and their positive hatred of the German Empire."

This conversion of neutrals and expectation of their assistance was one of the "castles in the air" of the Germans, one of the false promises on which Austria and Germany based their "dictated peace."

KEEPING UP DECEPTION.

German Militarists Still Tell People They Are on the Defensive.

Teuton militarists are striving now to convince the German people that they are on the defensive. President Wilson's and Lloyd George's speeches have been used as a lever to enforce this opinion, according to reports in Washington, but it is by no means certain yet that their efforts will be successful. Officials look for a reply to the two speeches, as they believe that the voice of German opinion will be sufficiently strong to force a declaration. This may take anywhere from a week to a month, officials hold, but they anticipate that the militarists cannot completely dodge it.

That Germany is having real trouble at home is the firm conviction in Washington. State department press comment has led officials to believe that the Russian negotiations will offer a possible source of peace parleys. The German people are beginning to realize, for the first time, that the German autocracy is playing a double game, press reports show. How soon this duplicity will cause a revolution is something the future alone can tell, but authorities believe that the seeds of an upheaval are planted now, and that later the militarists will reap the whirlwind. For the first time the German papers are cautioning boldly against deceitful practices.

Germany still clings to the hope that the Russian parleys will be disbanded, and that Germany will find, instead of getting aid from Russia she has active opposition again. Recognition of the Bolshviki as the de facto government of Russia is regarded as more than possible. The reported efforts of the pope toward getting Austria to intervene on the side of peace, was deemed an important move. Austria is regarded as in a position to exert strong pressure on Germany in view of the constantly growing prospect that she may collapse.

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To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsibility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any member of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affidavits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work:

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AUSTRIANS CRAVE PEACE.

Outlook Gloomy for Famine Before Next Harvest, with Food Rioting Common.

Paris, Jan. 15.— Despite the victories in Italy, the demand for peace grows constantly in Austro-Hungary, says the Journal Des Debats, of Paris, which has received reliable news from Vienna. This is due to the food situation in the dual monarchy, where, according to Gen. Hoefer, the food director, reserve stocks will vanish a month before the next harvest.

The grain crop in 1917 was good in quality, but far below the normal quantity, owing to the lack of fertilizers and insufficiency of labor. Russian prisoners have been doing most of the farm work in Austria, and exchange of prisoners with Russia in the event of a peace being arranged is not looked upon as an unmixed blessing.

Many of the returning prisoners would be sent again to the front.

Serious food rioting has occurred in Bohemia, where in some districts stores and warehouses have been sacked, while the railroads have been destroyed, so that troops could not be sent to quell the rioters.

Both in Prague and Vienna flour has been from $4 to $7.50 a kilo and coffee $20 a kilo. In Pargue parties are organized to hunt for potatoes as they were organized in pre-war days for game shooting.

These conditions have compelled the government to follow the German plan of feeding the army well at the expense of the civil population, Thus soldiers go to the front singing, for they know they will have enough to eat.

This scheme works all right in Austria, but not in Hungary for there the people refuse to give up their food stocks, and when the government tries to seize them there is rioting. Croatia is comparatively well provisioned, for it is only by wholesale massacres that the government can secure any control.

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